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CALL OUT TROOPS IN NEW OUTBREAKS

PLANES BURNED BY ARMY ORDER

Million-Dollar Fire Destroys
100 Serviceable Planes,
Witnesses Say.

OFFICERS ARE GIVEN BLAME

Congressional Committee Gets
Evidence of Wanton Loss
in New York.

HOLD HEARING IN FRANCE

Members to Go Abroad Next
Month to Get at Bottom
of Reports.

NEW YORK, July 30.—A million-dollar fire, in which 100 serviceable airplanes were destroyed by order of American army officers was described by several witnesses who appeared today before the house subcommittee which is investigating conditions to prisoners and other allied army irregularities.

The hearing was conducted by Representatives Royal C. Johnson of South Dakota and Representative Oscar R. Emond of Indiana, Republicans, the third member of the subcommittee. Representative Henry Flood of Virginia, democrat, was not present.

The destruction of the airplanes took place at St. Etienne, near Paris, and details of the fire were supplied by naval, army, former commanding officers and men of the air service who were in the French service at the time. None of the witness could give any reason for the burning or tell under whose orders it had been conducted.

Pershing Denied It.
At the opening of the hearing Representative Johnson announced that a cable message from General Pershing to General March, chief of staff, in which the head of the American expeditionary forces demanded that any investigation be taken place to determine the cause of the accident had been sent to the general. The cable message was not available until after the hearing had closed and raised merely a denial of a reported burning of automobiles and damage to other war material at St. Etienne.

The investigation into the airplane accident followed the hearings of the subcommittee in the United States. The hearing will be continued in France next month.

The first witness, Paul L. Lockwood, Standard Co., formerly a lieutenant of aviation, testified that upon returning to America he met a number of his comrades who told him that the planes had been damaged and then burned. The engineer who helped him told him only the gas tanks and radiators being used. The planes then were thrown into the air and burned.

The fire was in progress when Lockwood entered the vicinity to see what the damage being taken, according to the engineer, who estimated that the salvaged parts were worth about 15 cents each. Some of the machines he had been told had been taken only 30 minutes.

African H. Barrer, who was a first sergeant in the first pursuit group told the committee that while he was serving in Constantine, Algeria, in May he received orders to return from Africa to the United States to continue his studies at the University of California. He said the work of destruc-

tive work he was doing on the planes was the cause of the fire.

The two witnesses recommended who should be called as witnesses were John C. McGuire, a United States senator from Oklahoma, and Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska.

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AMERICANS ARRESTED BY MEXICAN ORDERS

Basis Morris, General Superintendent of Express System, at Capital, and Another Are Held.

The Lexington News.

MEXICO CITY, July 30.—The government of President Carranza, an American, Superintendent of the express system, and Pepeito, Director of the Mexican National Bank, was arrested in the capital, as the result of the investigation of railroad

Mexican officials were charged with being spies in the financial affairs of the country.

A law was passed, which said a president could not be succeeded in the American system, was enacted, and the law was suspended for 12 hours. At the time the law was to be enforced, the president was to be made unless the president of the country should change.

The investigation of affairs of the Mexican government was followed by the government of the United States. The investigation was directed by the State Department and the Mexican Foreign Ministry, and the Mexican Foreign Ministry was appointed to the investigation.

Federal Wire Control Will End at Midnight

THE WEATHER

TULSA, Okla., July 30.—Maximum temperature, 74 degrees; winds, 10 miles per hour; visibility, 10 miles.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Thursday, partial clouds, Friday, scattered, somewhat cloudy.

LOUISIANA, Thursday, and Friday, mostly cloudy, with rain.

ARKANSAS AND EAST TEXAS, Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy.

WEST TEXAS, Thursday and Friday, scattered, with some clouds.

KANSAS, Thursday, scattered showers and rain, Thursday night, followed by general, fair with moderate tempests during Friday.

MISSOURI, Thursday, scattered showers and rain, with some clouds.

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